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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TALKS WITH SOVIETS ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
ISSUES

REF: STATE 129461,

1. VIKTOR ISRAELYAN, CHIEF OF THE SOVIET MFA'S IO DIVISION, CALLED IN POL COUNSELOR ON JUNE 9 TO SAY THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM (ISRAELYAN) TO COME TO THE U.S. FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON EITHER OF THE REVISED DATES IN REFTEL. HE REITERATED THAT HE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES' INVITATION, AND HE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO SUCH CONSULTATIONS. HE, THEREFORE, INVITED THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO VISIT MOSCOW " ANY TIME IN JULY."

2. THE TIMING PROBLEM, SAID ISRAELYAN, ARISES FROM HIS ATTENDANCE AS HEAD OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION AT THE SEABED REVCON IN GENEVA. THIS MEETING WILL NOT CONCLUDE UNTIL JULY 1, SAID ISRAELYAN, SO THERE IS "NO QUESTION" OF MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON JUNE 30-JULY 1. THEN THERE IS THE PROBLEM OF PREPARATIONS
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FOR THE CONSULTATIONS AND GENERALLY FOR THE UNGA, FOR WHICH ISRAELYAN FEELS HE MUST BE IN MOSCOW. THEN IN AUGUST HE HOPES TO TAKE LEAVE.

3. ISRAELYAN SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE VALUED SUCH EXCHANGES, AND THEREFORE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES TO VISIT MOSCOW "ANYTIME

IN JULY" FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS. ASKED WHICH DATES WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT, ISRAELYAN SAID THAT LATER IN THE MONTH WOULD BE BETTER THAN EARLIER BECAUSE IT WOULD PERMIT HIM MORE TIME FOR PREPARATION. BUT HE WAS COMPLETELY FLEXIBLE, HE SAID, AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THESE TALKS ANYTIME AFTER JULY2.

4. IN CLOSING, ISRAELYAN SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW IT WAS ACTUALLY THE U.S. SIDE'S TURN TO COME TO MOSCOW, SINCE HE HAD GONE TO WASHINGTON IN THE FALL OF 1975 FOR A FULL DISCUSSION OF UN ISSUES AFTER THEN-ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUN'S VISIT TO MOSCOW IN JUNE OF THAT YEAR. HE SAID THAT HE EXPECTED TO BE ATTENDING THE UNGA THIS FALL AND WOULD IN ANY CASE PLAN TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND TO MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY THEN. BUT HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT THE PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE IN MOSCOW IN JULY, SINCE IT WOULD BE MORE USEFUL TO EXCHANGE VIEWS BEFORE THE UNGA BEGAN.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO ISRAELYAN'S INVITATION, PREFERABLY BY EARLY NEXT WEEK, SINCE ISRAELYAN LEAVES FOR GENEVA IN MID-WEEK.

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